Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is that the position taken up by Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Certainly. They had complete freedom.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Has any of the resolutions passed at the last Panchayat Conference been accepted by Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—They are pending orders at the hands of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Have they been placed before the Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—It has been answered that with regard to the resolutions at the 1111 Conference they are pending consideration with the Government. I would like to know how long they have been pending with the Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I can only say that it is pending with the Government. I cannot say the exact number of months.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—When approximately were they placed before the Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Just a few months after the date of the Conference.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Subsequent correspondence was also instituted with the Director of Public Health and Panchayats.

Mr. President.—I think we are going a little beyond the scope of the question.

Wells—Chittur Taluk—improvement of.

39. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) are the Government aware that the Panchayat well in Kallanchira, Chittur Taluk, used to be dry for 4 months from Makaram onwards;

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(2) has any action been taken to improve such wells and make them useful to the public;

(3) will the Director of Public Health and Panchayats be pleased to take necessary action?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(1) The well used to get dry in the hot months of Meenam and Medam.

(2) Rock was blasted to a fairly reasonable depth but to no good. Attempts are being made to try bore holes in such wells in Chittur Taluk.

(3) Yes.

Number of murders committed and capital punishment.

40. **Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when capital punishment was last inflicted as punishment for murder;

(b) the number of murder cases convicted each year during a period of ten years prior and the punishment awarded in each case;

(c) in (b) whether in any case murder was also accompained by offences like robbery and dacoity;

(d) the number of murder cases convicted each year since date in answer to (a)?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) In 1105.

(b) A statement is appended. *(Appendix I.)*

(c) In one case in 1098 murder was accompained by offences under sections 349 and 359, Cochin Penal Code.

(d) A statement is appended. *(Appendix II.)*

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—In appendix II we find that from 1106 onwards there is gradual increase in the number of murder cases. Is the Government in a position to say whether there is any special reason for that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government cannot find out any special reason why such cases increase.

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Government have assumed the management of certain schools where such schools are absolutely necessary in the interests of education in the locality and the managements of which were tumbling.

APPENDIX I.

(*Question No. 40.*)

Year.	Number.	Punishment awarded.
1095.	1	Rigorous imprisonment for life.
1096.	1	do.
1097.	4	do.
1098.	2	do.
1099.	2	do.
1100.	3	do.
1101.	5	do.
1102.	3	do.
1103.	3	do.
1104.	6	In 4 cases rigorous imprisonment for life. In 1 case punishment was rigorous imprisonment for 1 year and in the other case it was 7 years' rigorous impriosnment.

APPENDIX II.

(*Question No. 40.*)

Year.	No. of cases convicted.	Year	No. of cases convicted.
1106.	2	1110.	5
1107.	3	1111.	10
1108.	6	1112. (Up to Mithunam)	7
1109.	7		

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